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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION
PREVENTION

REF (A) 77 STATE 60283, (B) 77 STATE 296444, (C) 77 STATE A-1345

1. EMBASSY FURNISHED A COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS OF MARCH 17, 1977, (FROM REF A) TO LEGAL AFFAIRS DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. LATER WE CALLED THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR POLLUTION MATTERS. RE PARA 4 REF B, MIN COM OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD RECEIVED IMCO CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE TOWARD THE U.S. PROPOSAL. EMBASSY URGED THAT TECHNICALLY-QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE BE SENT TO CONFERENCE, BUT BECAUSE OF A SHORTAGE OF SKILLED PERSONNEL NO ONE CAN BE SPARED AND OMAN WILL BE REPRESENTED BY SOMEONE FROM ITS LONDON EMBASSY. WHEN ASKED IF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE U.S. PROPOSAL WAS NEEDED, MIN COM OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE U.S. PROPOSALS WERE CLEAR TO HIM AND THAT NO FURTHER EXPLANATION WAS NEEDED. HE INDICATED THAT OMAN WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF THE U.S. INITIATIVES DURING THE CONFERENCE.

2. FYI: EMBASSY ALSO DISCUSSED THE U.S. INITIATIVES WITH
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THE OMAN GOVERNMENT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN WORKING HARD TO SENSITIZE OMANI OFFICIALS TO THE DANGERS OF POLLUTION AND THAT THERE WAS NOW MUCH GREATER AWARENESS OF ITS DANGERS THAN IN THE PAST. ALREADY LEGISLATION CONCERNING POLLUTION HAD BEEN ADOPTED, BUT ADEQUATE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. OMAN'S MAIN CONCERN IS THE DANGER OF OIL SPILLS FROM THE MANY

TANKERS PASSING THROUGH ITS WATERS TAKING OIL FROM THE GULF
AREA TO THE CONSUMING NATIONS. END FYI.
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